



# Neds Branch Trail #405

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**Directions**  
From I-75, take exit 38 and travel west on KY 192 for 13.9 miles. Turn south (left) on KY 1193 for 1 one, turn west on KY 3497, go 6 miles to the ends of the road.



**Open Dates**  
Trail is open all year. Campground open mid April to mid November, call district for exact dates.



**Fees**  
No fee for trail use.



**Picnic Shelter**  
Located in Rockcastle Campground.



**Restrooms**  
Vault toilet at boat ramp parking year round.



**Accessibility**  
This trail does not meet accessibility standards for persons with disabilities.



Trails are closed to motorized vehicles.



Consumption of alcohol and open containers of alcohol are prohibited.



Camping and firebuilding in rock shelters is prohibited.

## FOOD STORAGE REQUIRED.

Visitors in developed sites must store food, garbage and other odorous items that may attract bears in a bear-resistant container, inside their vehicle, or in an enclosed hard-body trailer.

Guides like this are available at [fs.usda.gov/dbnf](http://fs.usda.gov/dbnf).  
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Neds Branch Trail is accessed from Rockcastle Campground, located on the backwaters of Lake Cumberland at the mouth of the Rockcastle River, or from KY 3497. A hike on Ned Branch is downhill all the way if it is hiked from KY 3497. The trail drops 300 feet through a gorge carved out by the trail's namesake. There are several stream crossings along the way, but hikers should be able to make most of them without getting their feet wet. The last quarter mile of trail passes through a stand of large beech and buckeye trees. Trail difficulty is easy to moderate if hiked from the highway to the campground, strenuous if hiked in reverse. During the winter when the campground gate is closed, walk out the campground entrance road, adding a half mile to the walk.

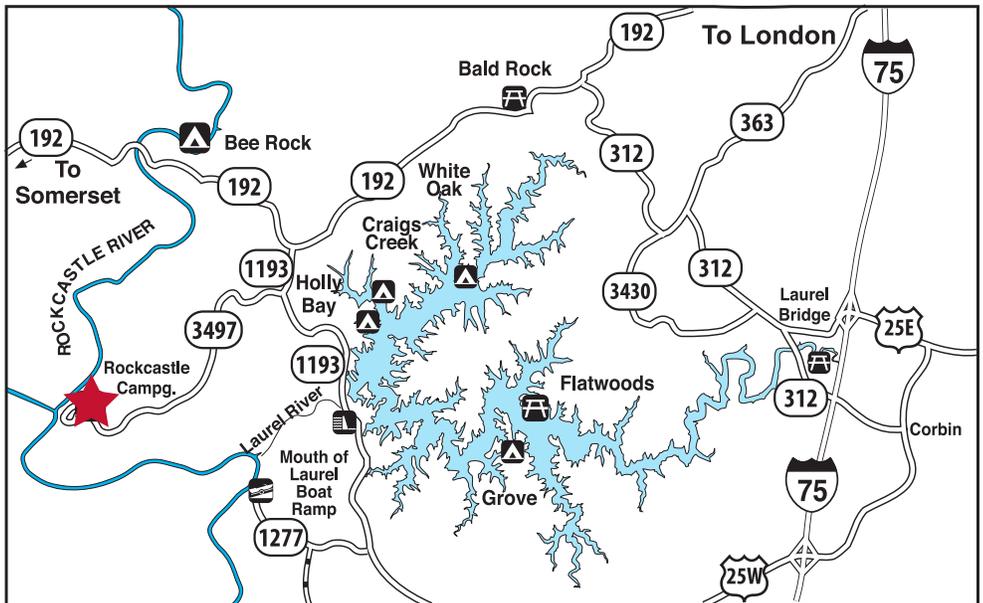
Begins:	KY 3497	Parking:	4 cars at trailhead, 55 cars at campground boat ramp
Ends:	Rockcastle Campground	Difficulty:	Easy to strenuous
Length:	1.75 miles	Latitude:	36.958671
Quad:	Sawyer	Longitude:	-84.332815
County:	Laurel		
Surface:	Dirt		

## Rockcastle Campground

The campground is bounded on one side by the Lake Cumberland and on the other side by massive sandstone cliffs. Fishing is popular in the Rockcastle River and Lake Cumberland. Rockcastle Boat Ramp is nearby. A picnic shelter is located at the campground entrance and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**KNOW before you GO** You are responsible for your own safety.

All outdoor activities have inherent risks and you may encounter a variety of unexpected and/or dangerous conditions. It is your responsibility to be informed and take precautions. Learn more at [www.fs.usda.gov/r8](http://www.fs.usda.gov/r8).



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